(a) whether CPWD was to focus on providing solar energy to reduce the energy consumption per square metre by half compared to the present practice in Government buildings in Delhi and outside Delhi; and

(b) if so, the number of buildings whose designs were changed and solar energy system was installed in Government houses during the last five years?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI AJAY MAKEN): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Not applicable in view of (a) above.

Funds lying unspent with State Government

4715. SHRI SANJAY RAUT Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that around 1200 crore of funds were lying as unspent with the State Government under various schemes of the Ministry upto December, 2006;

(b) if so, Government's response and reaction thereto;

(c) the details of the funds allocated for the various urban centric infrastructure and other development schemes since last three years; and

(d) the details of the steps taken or proposed to be taken by Government to strengthen the monitoring mechanism of the ongoing various schemes both at the Central and the State leveis by emphasizing proper utilization of allocated funds appropriately in a time-bound manner?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI AJAY MAKEN): (a) to (d) Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Guidelines to States on property tax

4716. SHRI P.R. RAJAN: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have given any guidelines to the States to speed up recovering the property tax; and

(b) whether GIS mapping project is being used to track defaulters of property tax?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI AJAY MAKEN): (a) No, Sir. However, guidelines have been issued by this Ministry in 1998 for property tax reforms to all State Governments and Union Territory Administrations with the objective of simplification and rationalization of property tax.

(b) No, Sir. The National Urban Information System (NUIS) Scheme launched in March, 2006 seeks to establish a comprehensive information system for planning, development and management of Urban Local Bodies (ULBs). The digital maps and GIS database to be developed under the NUIS would help ULBs in preparation of (i) Master Plans (ii) Zonal Plans, (iii) Utility Plans and (iv) detailed town planning scheme. This scheme, however, does not envisage any provision for tracking defaulters of property tax.

JNNURM in Bihar

4717. SHRI RAJNITI PRASAD: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the amount allocated to Bihar under Jawahar Lal Nehru National Urban Renewal Mission for this financial year;

(b) the cities covered under the scheme;

(c) the components covered under the scheme;

(d) the progress made in this regard in the State and the amount utilized so far; and

(e) the time-frame for the implementation of the project?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI AJAY MAKEN): (a) to (c) Jawaharlal Nehru National Urban Renewal Mission (JNNURM) is a demand driven programme under which Additional Central Assistance (ACA) is sanctioned depending on fulfillment of criteria envisaged under it for the following components:—

Urban Renewal, Water Supply, Sewerage, Drainage/Storm Water Drainage, Other Urban Transport, Parking, Development of Heritage Areas,